



The Veterans' Six

*The LHC Veterans Treatment Court Monthly
Newsletter dedicated to having the Six of every
Justice Involved Veteran*

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Upcoming Veteran Court Events

January VTC Graduation

The Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court is proud to announce that we will be hosting our largest Graduation yet, with 15 Justice Involved Veterans.

January 13th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
Courtroom N

All of our Graduates have worked extremely hard towards their graduation from this program and have overcome and accomplished a lot.

All Veterans, their friends and family, and involved agencies are invited to attend.



Local Veteran Events

Welcome Home Ceremony

A Welcome Home Ceremony will be held with the assistance of the Patriot Guard Riders on January 14th in honor of a local Lake Havasu sailor who is returning home from a 9 month deployment in Iraq. He has previously served two tours in Afghanistan and is a graduate of Lake Havasu High School. Come out and show your “flag-waving” support!



What Time and Where



- Stage: 9:45 A.M. Lake Havasu High School (Lower Parking lot), 2675 S. Palo Verde Blvd
 - Safety Briefing: 10:15 A.M.
 - K.S.U.: 10:30 A.M.
- Flag Line: Stage at 10:30 A.M., AMERICAN LEGION POST 81, 181 Paseo Del Sol
- Ceremony: 11:00 A.M., AMERICAN LEGION POST 81, 181 Paseo Del Sol

The Graduate Review Board

Graduate

Christopher Bonnar

Branch of Service



VTC Graduation Date:

April 8, 2016

“Not for self but for country.”

VTC Experience:

“I never felt being a Veteran meant anything until I got into trouble. Veterans Court is different; they actually appreciate Veterans. There is an outpouring of people that care and I was not ridiculed for the bad decision I made. Vet Court helped me with every need I had – employment, housing, the VA. Before coming into the program, I was not aware of the resources available and I am still using them today. I truly appreciate everything they have done for me.”

- Christopher Bonnar

Kingman Vet Court

Upcoming Veterans Court Dates

Kingman Municipal Court

Veterans Treatment Court

January 18th, 2017 at 1:30pm

Veterans Resource Team

January 11th, 2017 at 12:00pm

Kingman Mentor Corps

The mission of VTC Mentors is to serve their Justice Involved Veterans by being a source of positivity, moral support, and guidance as they work toward successfully completing the VTC program.

If you, or any Veteran you know, is interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact:

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Benefits and Service Sector

Spotlight On: DVOP AND LVER

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) and Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) are two employment programs provided by DES specifically for Veterans.

DVOP

DVOP provides employment services for all Veterans, disabled Veterans, and eligible persons. Services include: assessments, employment plans, career guidance, referrals to support services and training, and connection to job openings.

LVER

LVER engages with employers through outreach and advocacy to increase Veteran and disabled Veteran employment opportunities, as well as assisting Veterans with gaining and retaining employment. Services include: seminars for employers, job search workshops for Veterans, and facilitating priority of service employment and placement services.

You can contact your local DVOP and/or LVER specialists in person at DES located on 228 London Bridge Rd or by phone at 928-854-0350

This Month in U.S. Military History

The Battle of New Orleans



Even though Great Britain and the United States signed a peace treaty on December 24, 1814 that would end the War of 1812, a state of war was still in effect until February 16, 1815, as the treaty had yet to be ratified by both parties. “On January 8, 1815, the two sides met in what is remembered as one of the conflict’s biggest and most decisive engagements. In the bloody Battle of New Orleans, future President Andrew Jackson and a motley assortment of militia fighters ... weathered a frontal assault by a superior British force, inflicting devastating casualties along the way.”

The Battle of New Orleans began on December 14th, 1814 when British ships were spotted near New Orleans on Lake Borgne. “Jackson declared martial law in New Orleans and ordered that every available weapon and able-bodied man be brought to bear in the city’s defense. His force soon grew into a 4,500-strong patchwork of army regulars, frontier militiamen, free blacks, New Orleans aristocrats and Choctaw tribesmen”—Jackson even accepted the help of notorious pirate Jean Lafitte and his men. “Jackson’s ramshackle army was to face off against some 8,000 British regulars, many of whom had served in the Napoleonic Wars.”

On January 8th, 1815 the Lieutenant General of the British army enacted a two-part plan of attack on New Orleans that ended in devastation for the British army. “The assault on Jackson’s fortifications was a fiasco, costing the British some 2,000 casualties including three generals and seven colonels all of it in the span of only 30 minutes. Amazingly, Jackson’s ragtag outfit had lost less than 100 men. Future President James Monroe would later praise the General by saying, ‘History records no example of so glorious a victory obtained with so little bloodshed on the part of the victorious.’ The stunned British army lingered in Louisiana for the next several days, but its remaining officers knew that any chance of taking the Crescent City had slipped through their fingers. After an abortive naval attack on nearby Fort St. Philip, the British boarded their ships and sailed back into the Gulf of Mexico.”

Judge K's Corner

When you graduate from our program, it does not mean you are alone. You are part of our Vet Court Family and if you ever need assistance, we are here. We look forward to seeing you on our hikes, family day, and hopefully as a mentor for our new participants.

—Judge Kalauli



Recruiting Mentors

We want **YOU** to be involved in our LHC Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program!!!

January 18, 2017 at 1:00pm
City Council Chambers

For more information about this program please contact:

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Bring Support To Veterans Court

Family and Friends are always welcome at our Veterans Treatment Court Hearings. We firmly believe it is their involvement that helps with the recovery process.

To encourage Family and Friends involvement, for every one person a Justice Involved Veteran brings to court, they will receive a ticket to be placed into a raffle.

